

Honorable members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for seeking input from the public regarding the various bills before you today.

I strongly OPPOSE H.B. No. 6667 - AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE.

I strongly OPPOSE H.B. No. 6817 - AN ACT CONCERNING MICROSTAMPING-ENABLED PISTOLS, RAISING THE AGE TO PURCHASE AMMUNITION AND RESTRICTING THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF BODY ARMOR.

H.B. 6667 There is no reason to ban a citizen from lawfully carrying a firearm for personal defense into a restaurant to protect themselves and their family. This legislation makes no sense. So called assault weapon bans seek to ban weapons based on their cosmetic appearance and aim to expand the type of weapons you don't want us to own. This approach is misguided and unconstitutional. There's a lot more in this bill further micromanaging already closely regulated federal firearms dealers. You adding more regulation on top of this industry will cost the taxpayers more money and will make absolutely no one safer. You need to focus on punishing criminals, not aiming to make law abiding citizens criminals.

H.B. 6817 Why should someone be unable to protect themselves by not carrying a totally defensive countermeasure. If they don't want to own a firearm but still protect themselves – you would deny them a totally non offensive means of protecting themselves? Your fears of body armor are rooted in Hollywood fiction. That has no place in our legislative process. This would also prevent our innocent children from having body armor at school. Give me the reason you would deny them this protection? Regarding microstamping, there should be no law requiring this technology. We should not be banning firearms that don't use this technology. This is again all Hollywood. Forensics is a well-established science — and any criminal using a gun would simply remove these features. All you are trying to do is ban most lawfully owned guns.

Thank you for your time,

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